

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS

Regular Meeting

November 17, 1966
10:00 A.M.

Council Chamber, City Hall

The meeting was called to order with Mayor Palmer presiding.

Roll call:

Present: Councilmen LaRue, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer
Absent: Councilman Long (due to illness)

Present also: W. T. Williams, Jr., City Manager; Doren R. Eskew, City Attorney; Reuben Rountree, Jr., Director of Public Works; Robert A. Miles, Chief of Police

Invocation was delivered by REVEREND HAROLD L. COOPER, Vicar, St. Johns and St. James Episcopal Church.

The Council heard the tax appeal of the Austin Crest Hotel, represented by MR. RICHARD BAKER, Attorney, who said he was trying to determine the correct valuation to be placed on the personal property filed by the Wilbur Clark Crest Hotel. If the Austin Crest Hotel acquires all the property, he would be back next year regarding the valuations on the basis of their purchase prices as opposed to those paid by the Wilbur Clark Crest Hotel. Mr. Baker pointed out considerable change since his last appearance before the Council in the submission of their figures. He reviewed his and Councilman Shanks' studies in trying to determine the validity of the inventory of appraisal. Realty items, carpets, wall coverings, etc., had been taken out; and the personal property rendition form had been filed on this basis. The Tax Assessor had reviewed their rendition - all items were left the same except the kitchen, dining room, bar, and cold storage equipment which were assessed at \$139,368; Commercial Kitchens of Houston would replace this equipment with equal or better for \$58,103, and this commitment had been checked as being valid by reputable people. On the Clothing Shop equipment, Mr. Baker said the Tax Assessor had agreed previously this was an incorrect figure for a 10' x 15' room with mahogany cabinets, and a value of \$4,000 had been agreed upon. The Mayor asked other than these two adjustments, if the Austin Crest Hotel were willing to accept the valuation as set. Mr. Baker agreed. The merchandise and supplies would remain at \$14,010; and the furniture at an assessed value of \$258,230, totalling \$272,240, which is a reduction of only \$80,000 over what had been previously assessed and approved by the Board. This was a net increase of his original figures of about \$40,000, of cost. MR. JOE JOYCE, Supervisor, Personal Property Appraisal Division, said

Mr. Baker submitted a figure of \$232,685, but now they had come up with \$258,230, an increase over their first proposal. Mr. Joyce reported this had been recommended by the Tax Department, but had not been reviewed by the Board. The net figure was \$272,240 assessed value.

Councilman Shanks moved that the Council establish \$272,240 as the assessed value on the personal property on the Crest Hotel as follows:

AUSTIN CREST HOTEL INC. By Richard Baker - 101 East 1st Street -
Lots 1-9, Block 180 - Parcel No. 2-0502-0301

	Assessed Value Fixed by Tax Department	Assessed Value Fixed by Board	Council Action
Land	\$ 189,690	No Appeal	No Change
Improvements	<u>1,902,450</u>		
Total	<u>\$2,092,140</u>		

Personal Property at 101 East 1st Street

Merchandise	\$ 14,010	No Appeal	\$ 14,010
Supplies, Furniture, Fixtures & Equipment	<u>339,180</u>		<u>258,230</u>
Total	<u>\$ 353,190</u>		<u>\$ 272,240</u>

The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:
Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer
Noes: None
Absent: Councilman Long

MAYOR PALMER and the Council recognized and welcomed LT. ROBERT SCOTT and ten police cadets to the City Council as follows:

JAMES M. BECKHAM
CHARLES E. ERICSON
DOUGLAS C. FERRIS
LINNARD GRIFFIN
RICHARD E. JONES

WILLARD LIVELY
WARNER LUCKEY
WILLIAM MAULDIN
HOWARD G. PARK
RICHARD C. PULATIE

Chief Miles reported the department was still 19 men short under the increase authorized, however, they have been recruiting and hiring new men, who are not yet in training. They have nine good prospects and are looking for ten more.

Councilman White moved that the Minutes of the Meeting of September 22, 1966, be approved. The motion, seconded by Councilman LaRue, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer
Noes: None
Absent: Councilman Long

November 17, 1966

The City Manager submitted the following:

"November 7, 1966

"To the City Council
City of Austin, Texas

"Re: Completion and Acceptance of Work
Improving Portions of Certain Streets
in the City of Austin Being Assessment
Paving Contract Number 65-A-17

"The work of improving portions of the following named streets in the City of Austin, being Assessment Paving Contract Number 65-A-17, dated February 3, 1966, between the City of Austin and Pat Canon Excavating Company, has been performed and completed by Pat Canon Excavating Company in full compliance with the contract and the plans and specifications there contained:

<u>"Street</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Ben Howell Drive	EPL Wilson Street	EPL Edens Drive
Clarke Street	EPL South 1st Street	A point 205' east of EPL Richland Street
Comal Street	EGL Angelina Street	SGL East 12th Street
Cotton Street	A point 154' east of EPL Angelina Street	WPL Comal Street
Edens Drive	SPL Ben Howell Drive	SPL Cumberland Road
Felix Avenue	EPL Montopolis Drive	WPL Vasquez Street
Garnett Street	NPL Lareina Drive	SPL St. Elmo Road
Lareina Drive	A point 141' east of EPL Garnett Street	SPL St. Elmo Road
Morgan Lane	EPL Clawson Road	WPL Banister Lane
Normandy Street	EPL South 1st Street	A point 205' east of EPL Richland Street
Pennsylvania Avenue	SGL Cotton Street	A point 332' east of EPL Comal Street
Richland Street	NPL Radam Lane	SPL Clarke Street
Russell Drive	NGL West Ben White Blvd.	SPL Fortview Road
Santos Street	EPL Montopolis Drive	WPL Vargas Road
Southview	EPL Lareina Drive	WPL Garnett Street
Valdez Street	NPL Porter Street	SPL Felix Avenue
Vargas Road	SPL Santos Street	WCL Bastrop Highway
Wilson Street	NPL El Paso Street	SPL Cumberland Road

"I have inspected, approved, and accepted the work and improvements referred to, and I now recommend that the same be accepted and received by the City Council as having been performed and completed in compliance with the contract, plans, and specifications referred to above.

"Respectfully submitted,
s/ S. Reuben Rountree, Jr.
S. Reuben Rountree, Jr.
Director of Public Works"

Mayor Palmer introduced the following ordinance :

AN ORDINANCE RECEIVING AND ACCEPTING THE WORK OF IMPROVING BEN HOWELL DRIVE AND SUNDRY OTHER STREETS IN THE CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS, WITHIN THE LIMITS HEREBELOW DEFINED, PERFORMED BY PAT CANION; AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT CERTIFICATES IN CONNECTION THEREWITH; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY, AND PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY UPON ITS PASSAGE.

The ordinance was read the first time and Councilman LaRue moved that the rule be suspended and the ordinance passed to its second reading. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer
Noes: None
Absent: Councilman Long

The ordinance was read the second time and Councilman LaRue moved that the rule be suspended and the ordinance passed to its third reading. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer
Noes: None
Absent: Councilman Long

The ordinance was read the third time and Councilman LaRue moved that the ordinance be finally passed. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer
Noes: None
Absent: Councilman Long

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

Mayor Palmer introduced the following ordinance :

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CERTAIN CONTRACT WITH AIRPORT AND MANOR ROAD CORPORATION FOR THE APPROPRIATION OF MONEY PAID TO THE CITY OF AUSTIN UNDER SUCH CONTRACT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

The ordinance was read the first time and Councilman White moved that the rule be suspended and the ordinance passed to its second reading. The motion, seconded by Councilman LaRue, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer
Noes: None
Absent: Councilman Long

The ordinance was read the second time and Councilman White moved that the rule be suspended and the ordinance passed to its third reading. The motion,

seconded by Councilman LaRue, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer
Noes: None
Absent: Councilman Long

The ordinance was read the third time and Councilman White moved that the ordinance be finally passed. The motion, seconded by Councilman LaRue, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer
Noes: None
Absent: Councilman Long

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

Councilman LaRue offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, certain easements were granted to the City of Austin for public utility purposes, in, upon and across part of Lots 38 and 39, Goodnight & Pearson Addition, a subdivision of a portion of the Charles H. Riddle Survey in the City of Austin, Travis County, Texas, according to a map or plat of said Goodnight & Pearson Addition of record in Book 5 at Page 28 of the Plat Records of Travis County, Texas; and,

WHEREAS, the owner of the above described property has requested the City Council of the City of Austin to release the hereinafter described portions of said easements; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that the hereinafter described portions of said easements are not now needed and will not be required in the future; Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

That the City Manager of the City of Austin be, and he is hereby authorized to execute a release of the following described portions of said public utility easements, to-wit:

Two (2) strips of land, each of the said two (2) strips of land being five (5.00) feet in width; the strip of land hereinafter described as Number 1 being out of and a part of Lot 38, Goodnight & Pearson Addition, a subdivision of a portion of the Charles H. Riddle Survey in the City of Austin, Travis County, Texas, according to a map or plat of said Goodnight & Pearson Addition of record in Book 5 at Page 28 of the Plat Records of Travis County, Texas; the strip of land hereinafter described as Number 2 being out of and a part of Lot 39, said Goodnight & Pearson Addition; each of the said two (2) strips of land five (5.00) feet in width being more particularly described as follows:

NUMBER 1: Being all of the west five (5.00) feet of said Lot 38, Goodnight & Pearson Addition;

NUMBER 2: Being all of the north 45.00 feet of the west five (5.00) feet of said Lot 39, Goodnight & Pearson Addition.

The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:
Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer
Noes: None
Absent: Councilman Long

The City Manager submitted the following:

"November 8, 1966

"TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council.

SUBJECT: Bids on all Equipment, Material and Installation of a 360 Degree High Level Voice Sound and Remote Controlled Emergency Warning Station within the Tower of the Main Building, University of Texas.

"Sealed bids were opened in the office of the Purchasing Agent at 2:00 P.M. November 7, 1966 for all Equipment, Material and Installation of a 360 Degree High Level Voice Sound and Remote Controlled Emergency Warning Station within the Tower of the Main Building, University of Texas for the Department of Civil Defense.

"Bids were advertised in the Austin American-Statesman on Sunday, October 9 and October 16, 1966 and sent to the following prospective bidders: Music for Business, Background Music of Austin, Austin-Hargis Company, Bill Ellis Sound Equipment, Southwest Sound Equipment Company, Taft Broadcasting Company, Carver Sound Company, Fentress Engineering Company, Altec Lansing Corporation, Graybar Electric Company, Beckwith Electronic Engineering, Rauland-Borg Corporation, Federal Sign & Signal Corporation, General Electric Company, Motorola Radio & Electronics and Cliff Herring Sound Equipment Co.

"The only bid received is as follows:

	Net Total
Southwest Sound Equipment Company	<u>\$6,488.00</u>

"This tabulation is submitted with the apparent low bid meeting the City of Austin specifications and conditions underscored."

The Civil Defense Coordinator, COLONEL KENGLA heartily recommended this award.

Councilman White offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, bids were received by the City of Austin on November 7, 1966, for all equipment, material and installation of a 360 Degree High Voice Sound and Remote Controlled Emergency Warning Station within the Tower of the Main Building, University of Texas for the Department of Civil Defense; and,

WHEREAS, the bid of Southwest Sound Equipment Company, in the sum of \$6,488.00, was the lowest and best bid therefor, and the acceptance of such

bid has been recommended by the Purchasing Agent of the City of Austin, and by the City Manager; Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

That the bid of Southwest Sound Equipment Company, in the sum of \$6,488.00, be and the same is hereby accepted, and that W. T. Williams, Jr., City Manager of the City of Austin, be and he is hereby authorized to execute a contract, on behalf of the City, with Southwest Sound Equipment Company.

The motion, seconded by Councilman LaRue, carried by the following vote:
Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer
Noes: None
Absent: Councilman Long

Councilman White moved that the Council set the request from Roy's Taxi Company for increase in rates for hearing at 10:30 A.M. November 22, 1966. The motion, seconded by Councilman LaRue, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer
Noes: None
Absent: Councilman Long

The Council had before it consideration of changes in SUNDAY CLOSING ORDINANCE. The City Attorney reported the Texas Supreme Court had already refused the application of writ of error on the case originating in the City of Houston which had enacted an ordinance directed at buyers. The State Statute was directed at selling certain commodities on consecutive Saturdays and Sundays. Earlier the Supreme Court had held that the State Statute placed no obligation upon the seller to verify the certificate of emergency. Houston passed an ordinance making it an offense for a purchaser to file a false certificate of necessity and a suit was filed seeking to enjoin the enforcement of that ordinance. The Court of Civil Appeals held that a store does not have a vested property right in the hoped for or prospective chance that some purchaser will file a false statement and denied the injunctive relief sought. The case has not been tried on the merits. At this time, the City Attorney stated he knew of no decisions that would make invalid the ordinance of the City of Houston. The validity of the ordinance was in question, but was not determined in the injunctive case.

MR. HENRY DUNLOP, Better Business Bureau, reading a letter from MR. JOHN T. MAHONE, President, Better Business Bureau; MR. JIM KUHN, Sears-Roebuck; MR. MERLE BROWER, J. C. Penney's; MR. EARL CEIGHTON, Capital Plaza; MR. FRANCIS AMSLER, Scarbroughs; and MR. JOEL SIMON, Yarings, favoring the passage of an ordinance in Austin similar to the one in Houston. It was brought out Items listed in the State Statute, not to be purchased without their being an emergency to the welfare, health and safety for human and animal lives, are advertised in the newspapers encouraging the purchases of these items on Sunday at special prices. MAYOR PALMER noted those interested in an ordinance such as the one in Houston, were not only the Downtown, Unlimited, but those from Capital Plaza, Hancock Shopping Center, and Southwood Mall. Mr. Koen pointed out personnel problems of a seven day operation; and stated it would be better to close on Sundays giving everyone an equal opportunity. MR. ROTH said the ordinance might require closing one day a week, but not specifying the day. Another

minister asked that the certification be made in some way other than by an oath. MR. KRUEGER said this ordinance would place the burden upon the people. Councilman LaRue asked for clarification on the provision for an "oath". The City Attorney explained the regulation would be making it an offense to make false certificates, and the Statutes prescribe the nature of the certificate. The only thing that would be regulated by ordinance would be prescribing a penalty for making a false statement.

Enforcement of the ordinance was discussed. The City Attorney reported as a matter of practice the passage of the ordinance in Houston had the result that the stores did not open, after the ordinance was passed. Councilman Shanks stated Houston has not had to enforce their ordinance and have had no prosecutions. Mayor Palmer observed there was enough interest expressed to the Council to ask the City Manager to look into this matter and come up with some suggestions.

Mr. Hines Wolters, Manager, Hancock Shopping Center, noted there were advertisements of items which were not of an emergency nature, for sale on Sunday, and these advertisements were increasing. Hancock Center would have a difficult time in increasing shopping hours upon their employees.

Councilman Shanks moved that the City Manager be instructed to have a draft of an ordinance drawn based on or similar to that used by Houston, to be used for consideration of the Council. The motion, seconded by Councilman LaRue, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer
Noes: None
Absent: Councilman Long

MR. JAMES BRADY, Assistant City Attorney was introduced.

Councilman White offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, from time to time, the City of Austin has and will in the future enter into Mechanic's Lien contracts with property owners in order that they may take advantage of the savings afforded by the voluntary paving program; and

WHEREAS, various lending institutions and individuals desire to advance the money to certain of these property owners who are unable to make a cash payment in advance; and

WHEREAS, it will be to the advantage of the City and the property owners involved for the City Manager to be authorized and empowered, upon the payment to the City of said paving costs, to transfer and assign for and on behalf of the City of Austin, without recourse, said Mechanic's Lien; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

THAT W. T. Williams, Jr., City Manager, be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to execute and deliver transfers and assignments without recourse for and on behalf of the City of Austin its Mechanics Lien, note and contract and the liens secured thereby unto those institutions and persons upon full payment

of said paving costs to the City of Austin on behalf of any of said property owners.

The motion, seconded by Councilman LaRue, carried by the following vote:
Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer
Noes: None
Absent: Councilman Long

The Council had before it the formal commitment of city land at 18th and Trinity Streets to the Brackenridge Urban Renewal Project. Councilman LaRue asked for information about the Brackenridge Urban Renewal Project. The City Manager reported it is a project now, a grant from the Government had been received, and the area is in a planning stage. The planning is practically complete and will be before the Council for review around the first of the year. About \$68,000 had been expended on planning by the Federal Government. The City Attorney explained if no action is taken, the seller from whom the City bought this land for \$70,000 on November 30, 1965, will have an option to purchase it back. (Property purchased from MR. E. A. JASTER) Councilman LaRue offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, the City of Austin was Grantee in that certain Warranty Deed dated November 30, 1965 of record in Volume 3056 at pages 768-771 of the Deed Records of Travis County, Texas; and,

WHEREAS, said conveyance of November 30, 1965 contained certain conditions relating to the land described in said deed becoming a part of a program of land improvement and redevelopment; Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

That the City of Austin hereby determine, declare, and evidence its action officially committing all the real property described in that certain deed dated November 30, 1965, of record in Volume 3056, pages 768-771 as a part of a program of land improvement and redevelopment denominated by the City of Austin as "The Brackenridge Project"; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

That a copy of this resolution be filed in the Deed Records of Travis County, Texas as notice of such official action by the City of Austin.

The motion, seconded by Councilman Shanks, carried by the following vote:
Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Shanks, Mayor Palmer
Noes: Councilman White
Absent: Councilman Long

MAYOR PALMER stated some interested people, realizing a nice park facility is being developed in the southwest part of Austin off of Manchaca Road, had indicated they would like to see the Council consider naming it GEORGE P. SEARIGHT PARK. Mr. Searight served on the Commission from 1923 to 1926; had always lived in South Austin, and many members of the family still reside in South Austin. The Mayor asked that the Council take this under consideration, and perhaps get

a suggestion from the Parks and Recreation Board, or whoever might be involved in the naming of a park.

The City Manager stated the DIRECTOR OF AVIATION was present to discuss a training center planned for the Airport. The facility will be rented to fixed base operators who will reimburse the City through rent for the cost. They would like to proceed with the selection of an architect. In the past the Council had asked the Construction Engineer, Mr. Al Eldridge to bring in names of four or five architects who are qualified and have the capacity and capabilities right now to proceed with plans, and the Council selects from those. The Director of Aviation, Colonel Murphy, said the purpose would be to provide facilities for pilot training, as there had been a tremendous growth of student flying in the last few years. There are 600 members in the Longhorn Flying Club, and a facility for classroom space, individual conference space, dispatch office, etc., of about 3200 square feet is needed. The building would be located adjacent to the site of the original terminal building of the Airport on 51st Street, and the building could be expanded when necessary. It will be leased to Ragsdale Aviation, based on a ten year amortization. The building is estimated at \$40,000 and it will be leased for \$400.00 a month. If it is \$50,000 it will be leased at \$500.00 monthly. Councilman Shanks moved that names of architects to proceed with this project be requested. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer
Noes: None
Absent: Councilman Long

The City Manager said sometime ago the Council received a communication from the Navigation Board asking that a date be set for lowering Lake Austin, possibly in January or February. Attention had been called to the probability of lowering the lake in connection with the construction of the intake of the Water Treatment Plant. It is believed now, that the Plant will be under contract in time to enable the contractor to build a coffer dam in the river bed during March; and if agreeable to the Council, they would include in the specifications that the lake will be lowered during the month of March. MR. MARION FOWLER, Navigation Board, had said the month of March would be satisfactory, and he knew of no others who would be inconvenienced by this date of lowering, although there may be some. The L.C.R.A. says this is an acceptable period to them. If agreeable with the Council, the L.C.R.A. could start lowering the lake about March 1st, and start raising it March 31st. If it is not done then, it would be necessary in January and again in July or August. Later in the season, it would cost a tremendous amount more to lower the Lake, as if it were timed during the period the L.C.R.A. is supplying water for irrigation, the City would have to pay for a tremendous amount of water in addition to the 16,000 acre feet which would have to be paid for anyway. Councilman LaRue asked if better bids would be received by providing for the lowering. The City Manager stated contractors who did not like to work in water as well as those who do not mind building in the water would have an opportunity to bid. Mayor Palmer stated in previous years, it was thought to lower the lake later in the spring would get into the spawning season. Councilman LaRue asked that a check be made with the fishermen about this date. After Councilman Shanks moved that the Lake be lowered beginning March 1st, the Mayor suggested that a check be made with the Wild Life Commission on the spawning season.

The City Manager announced plans and specifications for a Branch Library to be built on Oak Springs Road were on the table in the next room, and they would like to receive bids on December 13th. The Council was to review the plans later.

The City Manager reminded the Council of the invitation to attend a reception for the new Officers at the Air Force Base next Tuesday, November 22nd, which is a Council Day. The Mayor stated the Council would make every effort to attend.

The City Manager said the Council had received a letter concerning the AUSTIN BRAVES, who listed their needs for next year. It was not known what their needs would be for next year, and they are asking for a report from Houston. Until that is received, the City will not be able to report to the Council. Councilman White asked how much was spent on Disch Field last year. The City Manager stated somewhere between \$7,000 and \$10,000. For this year a firm figure has not been decided upon.

MAYOR PALMER said the Council received a letter from MR. JOE TATE, Deputy Southwest Regional Director, U.S. Olympic Committee, regarding a local committee to act as a source of information for the 1968 Mexico City Olympics and referred this request to the Ex Students' Association, which has agreed to act as this committee.

MAYOR PALMER read a copy of a resolution adopted by the Crestview Baptist Church commending the Police Department for its courageous efforts to hinder the development of obscene performances in local nightclubs in the City of Austin; expressing their conviction that prurient exposure of the female body, whether in the form of "topless" entertainers or "strip-tease" performers, was degrading to the morals of the community and offensive to the citizens of that congregation (860 members, representing over 300 families in North Austin); and affirming their support of the Police Department and the Municipal Government of the City of Austin as they work together to build a city high in standards of physical, moral, and social beauty.

MAYOR PALMER read a letter from DAY & NEWMAN, Architects on the Traffic and Transportation Building of the City, expressing appreciation for the outstanding cooperative effort on the parts of the City officials involved, MR. WALTER KLAPPROTH, Director, and his associate, MR. BILL TOWERY, in the planning of the project; and MR. A. M. ELDRIDGE, Supervising Engineer, with a wealth of technical and practical knowledge on design and construction which is certainly to the advantage of the City of Austin.

MAYOR PALMER noted an invitation the Council received to attend a meeting of Travis Audubon Society, Thursday, November 17th, at 7:30 P.M. at the Austin National Bank Auditorium.

MAYOR PALMER referred to the City Attorney a copy of the Fifth Report of the Attorney General, Washington, D.C., covering Identical Bidding in Public Procurement.

MAYOR PALMER read a letter from MRS. DOROTHY McRAE DEPEW regarding the opening of ROBERT E. LEE ROAD as its being of historical interest to the City, as General Robert E. Lee actually travelled this route. The City Manager stated the City was in the process of opening this road now.

MAYOR PALMER had received a letter from LIFE CIRCULATION COMPANY, INC., regarding solicitation for Life Magazine tied in with fund raising on behalf of the Police Athletic League, The City Manager reported basically they wanted to change the ordinance, and wanted a telephone sales campaign. The Mayor asked that all members of the Council be furnished copies of this letter and the accompanying file.

The City Manager had a memorandum from the Recreation Director that the University was asking for a site to build a bonfire, and he recommended the area 400' west of Lamar Boulevard south of West 1st Street to be made available. The recommendation was made after consultations with the Fire and Police Departments. Councilman White moved that the University group be granted permission to have a bonfire at this location. The motion, seconded by Councilman LaRue, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer
Noes: None
Absent: Councilman Long

The City Manager stated the Council might be interested in making an inspection of Holly Street Power Station, as all three units were running. Later Unit No. 3 would be shut down for awhile for adjustments.

The City Attorney discussed clarification of the Parade Ordinance. Item 10 was not under consideration at the time the Ordinance was originally passed, but he had included it in a final draft of the ordinance to make sure that Item 9 would not be construed to mean that a parade could be held without a permit if there were less than 200 people, 50 vehicles, or 50 beasts of burden. Councilman White noted the Ordinance would be the same thing except for this addition.

Mayor Palmer introduced the following ordinance, with Item 10 included:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 33 OF THE AUSTIN CITY CODE OF 1954 BY AMENDING SECTION 33.8 THEREOF; REGULATING PARADES; AUTHORIZING THE CITY COUNCIL TO RECEIVE APPLICATIONS AND ISSUE PERMITS; PROVIDING STANDARDS FOR ISSUANCE THEREOF; PROVIDING FOR NOTICE OF REJECTION; PRESCRIBING DUTIES OF PERMITTEES; MAKING IT UNLAWFUL TO CONDUCT A PARADE WITHOUT PERMIT AND REQUIRING COMPLIANCE WITH PERMIT CONDITIONS AND APPLICABLE LAWS AND ORDINANCES; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

The ordinance was read the first time and Councilman White moved that the rule be suspended and the ordinance passed to its second reading. The motion, seconded by Councilman LaRue, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer
Noes: None
Absent: Councilman Long

The ordinance was read the second time and Councilman White moved that the rule be suspended and the ordinance passed to its third reading. The motion, seconded by Councilman LaRue, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer
Noes: None
Absent: Councilman Long

The ordinance was read the third time and Councilman White moved that the ordinance be finally passed. The motion, seconded by Councilman LaRue, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer
Noes: None
Absent: Councilman Long

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

The City Attorney stated a signed contract had been obtained on property needed for East 51st Street adjacent to the Airport, at the appraised amount, for the Civil Air Patrol property showing the location of the site on a map. Councilman Shanks moved that the City Manager be authorized to purchase this property, at the appraised amount. The motion, seconded by Councilman LaRue, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer
Noes: None
Absent: Councilman Long

MR. KRUEGER inquired what was being done in Town Lake at the end of Deep Eddy. The Mayor stated part of the operation was the removal of sand and gravel out of the lake. There is a water line in the area which requires certain work to be done while they are dredging. The City Manager stated the sand and gravel was to be pumped out; however, there were large boulders damaging the cutter, so a dam was built so that the boulders could be pulled out; then the dam will be removed and the dredging would proceed.

There being no further business Councilman White moved that the Council adjourn. The motion, seconded by Councilman LaRue, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer
Noes: None
Absent: Councilman Long

The Council adjourned about 11:45 A.M. subject to the call of the Mayor.

APPROVED

L. G. Palmer
Mayor

ATTEST:

Elen Hoodley
City Clerk